



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

HB3544

by Rep. John E. Bradley

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-22.3

from Ch. 122, par. 27-22.3

Amends the School Code. Requires (instead of permits) a school district to establish a volunteer service credit program. Provides that the program shall enable secondary school students to earn credit through completion of 75 hours of community service as a requirement for graduation (instead of to earn credit towards graduation through performance of community service). Makes related changes. Requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules (instead of school districts). Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 27-22.3 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-22.3) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-22.3)

7 Sec. 27-22.3. Volunteer service credit program.

8 (a) A school district shall ~~may~~ establish a volunteer
9 service credit program that enables secondary school students
10 to earn credit ~~towards graduation~~ through completion
11 ~~performance~~ of 75 hours of community service as a requirement
12 for graduation. This community service may include
13 participation in the organization of a high school or community
14 blood drive or other blood donor recruitment campaign. Any
15 program so established shall begin with students entering grade
16 9 in the 2015-2016 ~~1993-1994~~ school year or later. ~~The amount~~
17 ~~of credit given for program participation shall not exceed that~~
18 ~~given for completion of one semester of language arts, math,~~
19 ~~science or social studies.~~

20 (b) ~~Any community service performed as part of a course for~~
21 ~~which credit is given towards graduation shall not qualify~~
22 ~~under a volunteer service credit program.~~ Any service for which
23 a student is paid shall not qualify under a volunteer service

1 credit program. Any community work assigned as a disciplinary
2 measure shall not qualify under a volunteer service credit
3 program.

4 (c) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
5 implement this Section. ~~School districts that establish~~
6 ~~volunteer service credit programs shall establish any~~
7 ~~necessary rules, regulations and procedures.~~

8 (Source: P.A. 93-547, eff. 8-19-03.)

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
10 becoming law.